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SUBJECT: TFCN81: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT  
TODAY, JUNE 3, FROM HIS RESIDENCE IN KENNEBUNKPORT,  
MAINE.

2. BEGIN STATEMENT. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE CHINESE  
GOVERNMENT HAS CHOSEN TO USE FORCE AGAINST CHINESE  
CITIZENS WHO WERE MAKING A PEACEFUL STATEMENT IN FAVOR  
OF DEMOCRACY. I DEEPLY DEPLORE THE DECISION TO USE  
FORCE AGAINST PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATORS AND THE CONSEQUENT  
LOSS OF LIFE. WE HAVE BEEN URGING AND CONTINUE TO URGE  
NON-VIOLENCE, RESTRAINT, AND DIALOGUE. TRAGICALLY  
ANOTHER COURSE HAS BEEN CHOSEN. AGAIN I URGE A RETURN  
TO NON-VIOLENT MEANS FOR DEALING WITH THE CURRENT  
SITUATION.

3. THE UNITED STATES AND PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,  
OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES, HAVE BUILT UP THROUGH GREAT  
EFFORTS BY BOTH SIDES A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP  
BENEFICIAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES. I HOPE THAT CHINA WILL  
RAPIDLY RETURN TO THE PATH OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC  
REFORM AND CONDITIONS OF STABILITY SO THAT THIS  
RELATIONSHIP, SO IMPORTANT TO BOTH OUR PEOPLES, CAN  
CONTINUE ITS GROWTH. END STATEMENT.

4. FOLLOWING IS DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED  
JUNE 3:

--I REFER YOU TO THE POINTS THE SECRETARY MADE IN HIS  
INTERVIEW TODAY.

--EVENTS IN BEIJING APPEAR TO HAVE TAKEN AN UGLY AND  
CHAOTIC TURN. AS THE SECRETARY SAID, IT WOULD BE  
UNFORTUNATE IF THE CHINESE ARMY WERE USED TO SUPPRESS

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THE CHINESE PEOPLE. REPORTS OF DEATHS AND CASUALTIES  
ARE ALARMING IN THIS RESPECT.

--THE ADMINISTRATION FINDS THESE DEVELOPMENTS  
DISTURBING, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FIND THEM DISTURBING.

--THIS IS A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE US GOVERNMENT.

--OUR COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH, EXPRESSION, AND  
ASSOCIATION IS WELL-KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

--THE US GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED ITS VIEWS TO THE  
CHINESE LEADERSHIP AND URGED RESTRAINT. UNDER SECRETARY  
KINNICK CALLED IN THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR THIS AFTERNOON  
TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AND URGE RESTRAINT.

--OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS THE DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN  
PEACEFUL AND BOTH SIDES HAVE EXERCISED RESTRAINT. WE  
HOPE THERE IS A RETURN TO RESTRAINT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

--THE U.S. HAS HAD A TRAVEL WARNING IN EFFECT SINCE MAY  
19 ADVISING AGAINST TRAVEL TO CHINA UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE. THAT ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT. AMERICANS IN  
BEIJING HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO STAY AWAY FROM TIANANMEN  
SQUARE AND OTHER POTENTIAL AREAS OF CONFLICT.

--(IF ASKED) I AM NOT PREPARED TO SPECULATE AT THIS  
EARLY STAGE ABOUT POLICY MEASURES WHICH MIGHT OR MIGHT  
NOT BE TAKEN IN REACTION TO THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

5. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. BAKER

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